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Honorable George V. Voinovich
Governor of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio 43266

Dear Governor Voinovich:

We are pleased to inform you that the Ohio Wellhead Protection (WHP) Program adequately addresses the requirements of Section 1428 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and, therefore, the program is fully approved.

In accordance with the SDWA, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) submitted a draft WHP Program to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) on June 19, 1989. Following a series of drafts, OEPA officially submitted a program, which we received on August 28, 1991. The level of activity and sense of commitment to wellhead protection on the part of Ohio is impressive.

Under Section 1428 of the SDWA, as amended, U.S. EPA evaluates each State's Program submittal to determine whether it is fully adequate to protect public water supply systems from contaminants that may have an adverse effect on the public's health. Since the initial submittal of the WHP Program in August 1991, U.S. EPA has reviewed the program submittal and provided comments to OEPA on February 7, 1992. The final revision of the WHP Program document on April 15, 1992, adequately responded to U.S. EPA's comments and, therefore, is fully approved.

In accordance with subsection 1428(i) of the SDWA, Ohio also provided a certification of the State brine disposal program with the final WHP Program revision. U.S. EPA has conducted review of supporting documentation on the State brine disposal program.

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Based on our review, U.S. EPA finds that the State program supports the certification signed on May 6, 1992 by the Directors of OEPA and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

It is a great credit to the OEPA, and in particular to the staff of the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, to have successfully completed the WHP Program and to be among the most active States nationwide to receive U.S. EPA approval. We hope to continue this cooperative working relationship during the implementation phase of the WHP Program. U.S. EPA will continue to support the Ohio wellhead protection effort through Federal funding available under the Clean Water Act Section 106 to assist the OEPA with this new program.

Again, congratulations on the accomplishments of your staff.

Sincerely yours,

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